

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The City of Elkhart supports a healthy and safe environment for children and is dedicated to the protection of the health of all children; and

WHEREAS: lead-contaminated paint, dust and soil is commonly found in and around homes constructed before 1978 and is the primary source of lead exposure in children; and

WHEREAS: lead poisoning, which is an increased level of lead in the blood, is especially dangerous for children, particularly those under 7 years of age, and causes serious health effects that are irreversible; and

WHEREAS: it is important that pre-1978 housing units and childcare facilities in Indiana are tested and identified for lead hazards and made lead safe; and

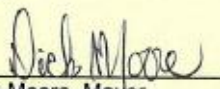
WHEREAS: is it vital that all Hoosiers, especially parents and child caregivers, are aware of the dangers of lead poisoning and seek appropriate screening for their children as a preventative measure;

NOW, therefore, I, Dick Moore, Mayor of the City of Elkhart, do hereby proclaim October 23-29, 2011, as:

“Lead Poisoning Prevention Week”

and invite all citizens to take due note of the observance.




Dick Moore, Mayor